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1. The 6 Infantry Regiment is quartered in newly constructed barracks located four kilometers from Sofia, on the left side of the road to Plovdiv. These barracks can house 2,500 men.
2. An unidentified mechanized unit is quartered in barracks located approximately 200 meters from the Aleksandrovska Hospital streetcar stop, on the right side of the Sofia-Knyazhevo road. These barracks can house 1,000 soldiers and are known as the "Inzhinerni Kazarmi" since a mechanized unit was stationed there until 1944. From 1944 until 1948, the 1 Infantry Regiment was stationed here.
3. Barracks which were formerly occupied by 6 Infantry Regiment are located near the center of Sofia, on Tsaritsa Ioanna, Patriarch Eftimiy, Skobelev, and Fritiyov Nansen Streets. The barracks cover an area 200 meters square and can house 600 men.
4. Underground military warehouses are located approximately one kilometer from Sofia, on the left side of the road to Dragalevtzi. The area is fenced in with barbed wire and is guarded.
5. The General Army Hospital of Sofia, located approximately 500 meters from the Aleksandrovska Hospital, occupies an area 300 by 400 meters in size and is surrounded by a barbed wire fence. Three 3-story buildings, 30 by 10 meters in size, are located in this area.
6. The Pilots School in Sofia, located on the road to Evlogi Georgiev¹, is a part of the Army School. Since 1948, girls have been attending this school. Until 1950 school graduates were appointed second lieutenants and wore one star on their epaulets. [redacted] student pilots received their flight training at the Bozhurishte airfield and not at Vrazhdebna.

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7. [redacted] Bulgaria has 400 planes, a few of which are old German-type planes, the remainder being new Soviet-type planes. On 9 September 1951, approximately 20 single-engine planes flew over Sofia. [redacted] a jet plane was in this group. 25X1
8. [redacted] an underground airfield was being constructed at Dobrich.² 25X1
9. Vrazhdebna airfield is located four kilometers east of Sofia and, since 1950, it has been used for civilian purposes. The field has a concrete runway running in an east-west direction. At the northeast edge of the airfield, there are five or six large hangars which, in August 1950, were guarded. In 1950, a 2-story building, 60 by 20 meters in size, was constructed on the south side of the field, for civil aviation use.³
10. Plovdiv airfield is located approximately two kilometers southeast of the city of Plovdiv. It is fairly large and could be enlarged on all sides; it has no paved runway.⁴
11. Bozhurishte airfield is located approximately one kilometer east of the village of Bozhurishte (N 42-45, E 23-11), between the Sofia-Banya railroad and the Sofia-Bozhurishte road. The southeast side of the field is approximately ten meters from the railroad line, and the northwest side is approximately five meters from the road. Unidentified buildings were located on the northwest side of the field and three hangars were situated on the west side. The field was constructed prior to 1940 and is used as a military airfield. [redacted] a large number of officers and soldiers travelling between the field and Sofia. [redacted] student pilots of the Sofia school make flights from this airfield. In the summer of 1951 [redacted] five or six yellow, single-engine planes at this airfield.⁵ 25X1
12. In February 1952 [redacted] antitank barriers on both sides of the road between Krupnik (N 41-51, E 23-07) and Kresna (N 41-48, E 23-11), at three locations. These barriers consisted of rectangular mounds spaced in such a manner as to allow only one car to pass between them at one time. Concrete pyramids were located in front and behind these mounds. 25X1
13. [redacted] an artillery emplacement approximately five meters in diameter, located three or four kilometers south of Belitsa (N 41-40, E 23-13), on the road to Sveti Vrach. 25X1
14. In December 1951 [redacted] approximately ten antiaircraft guns placed about 10 to 15 meters apart at a point approximately one kilometer east of Gorna Banya, on the left side of the road. The guns were covered with tarpaulins and two barracks for soldiers were located in the vicinity. 25X1

[redacted] Comments:

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1. Probably "located on Evlogi Georgiev Street" is intended.

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